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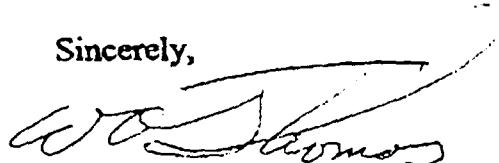
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

We live in a country that has been built upon the foundations of capitalism and free enterprise. The antitrust suit against Microsoft is a direct violation of these very ideals. When we attack free business we undermine the very foundation of this nation. I feel that the settlement that has been reached in this case must be accepted as soon as possible so that American business can continue to thrive.

According to this settlement Microsoft will license the internal code of its Windows operating system to twenty of its biggest competitors. This basically requires Microsoft to tell their competition how to make their product. While I believe that this term is a bit extreme I feel that the rest of the settlement will have a positive affect on the IT industry and thus the U.S. economy. The fact that this litigation will now be put to rest will, I believe, help mend some of the damage that has been done to the economy since this case was instigated three years ago.

Please continue to support this settlement and American business in general. Thank you for your time and consideration of this case, your diligence is to be commended.

Sincerely,



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